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CHARLES F. PRICE.

The retirement of Mr. Charles F. Price from the Secretaryship of the Louisville Jockey Club is a sad blow to the honest racing interests of this city. Mr. Price's capabilities are too well known to need any comment, and he filled the position admirably. Being a true lover of clean, honest sport, a pupil of that well-known, honest turf judge, Col. M. Lewis Clark, he has been ever upon the side of the people against the gamblers, and the fact of his being presiding judge here was a guarantee that everything was to be on the level. In justice to himself he could not accept the position offered him, and his retirement, from his standpoint, was a necessity. He is still presiding judge at Oakland and associate judge at Latonia, and it would not surprise his friends if he were called to the East, where his reputation for integrity and his disfavor of anything like collusion are so well known.

MAYOR HARRISON RIGHT.

Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, has struck the proper keynote in the labor troubles in that city. The city officials and business men not involved in the trouble have sought to settle the trouble, which is depressing all business and menacing the public peace. To every proposition the labor unions have promptly agreed, reiterating that all they want is a hearing, but the contractors persistently refuse to listen to any proposition. The Mayor sought to have the matter arbitrated by the State Board, a Council committee or a committee to be mutually selected, but the contractors were obdurate, and the Mayor gave it up, addressed a letter to the people of the city, reciting his efforts, approving the readiness of the labor union to accept a peaceful settlement, and scoring the contractors as responsible for the trouble and any disaster that may result, and concluded with an appeal to the people to use their best endeavors to preserve the peace and prevent violence to persons and property. It is hinted by the contractors that Mayor Harrison, being a candidate for Governor, is only booming his candidacy. Be that as it may, he is right, has told the truth, and the contractors probably find it easier to dismiss his letter with an insinuation than defend their course, which he condemns.

FAMINE AND PLAGUE.

Out of 300,000,000 people in the Indian Empire, of which the Queen of England is Empress, 60,000,000 are starving. Added to the famine are bubonic plague, cholera and drouth. Dead bodies lie about the streets of Bombay, though all day long the dead are being cremated. Beautiful little girls, wringing their hands in agonizing throes of starvation, can be seen in groups begging for a morsel of bread. Boys of ten to fifteen years, weighing thirty-five pounds, with gaping bones and distended stomachs, the latter a sign of approaching death, form a picture so horrible that we who have never seen the like can not form any reasonable idea of it. How can a mortal bearing the semblance of woman be the apathetic witness of such horrors during her reign? Mothers and fathers dead, children dying, drouth and plague raging in India. In South Africa warm, human blood is being spilled like water in the effort to save their homes and their liberties from the most monstrous vampire the world of nations has ever known.

The dreadful scenes of the century seem to have condensed themselves into a panoramic view of horrors to be re-enacted all at one time either on English soil or by Englishmen for the wonderment and loathing of the world.

OTTAWA'S DISTRESS.

Fire destroyed part of Ottawa, the town of Hull and suburbs, causing a loss of over \$15,000,000, bankrupting many manufacturers and merchants, rendering thousands of people homeless and penniless. Contributions for relief are being sent from this country and from other parts of Canada. English papers and officials are profuse in their sympathy and praise the Canadians for their loyalty. The Prince of Wales, Duke of York, Lord Derby, Earl of Lansdowne and other notables have sent messages of sincere sympathy, but in none of them is there a word about contributing a penny to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless or clothe the naked. Sympathy may be soothing, but a cash donation is more effective in relieving people in distress. But this costs something while sympathy is cheap.

Claude M. Johnson, Director of the Government Printing Office, Washington, against whose methods of management the Typographical Union has long protested, has resigned rather than face the charges preferred by the printers. He requires time, labor and pet to bring a Government official to do the right thing in labor matters, but the printers seem to know how to do it. The Government Printing Office is union, but it takes constant watching and effort to keep it so; not because of any antagonism on the part of the Government, but because of the scheming of politicians to use it as a boon for their relatives and political tools, whom they seek to give employment there, regardless of their unionism or even competency. Johnson, who obtained his position through political influence, was, of course, a valuable ally of the politicians, as his position of Director clothed him with the right of deciding on discharge or employment. In the fight against him he was backed up by all the political influence possible, but the printers pushed the question till it came to the President and Cabinet, and Secretary Gage called Johnson to account, resulting in his resignation.

The Parkland people, if not the instigators of the gas war, are in the forefront. Under the agreement with the city annexing that town the Parklanders are entitled to gas, water and all city privileges, the city to have the mains extended. The Louisville Gas Company will not extend its mains. The Kentucky Heating Company is anxious to do so, but the Board of Public Works will not allow it. The Parklanders want light and insist on the city complying with the agreement, and are pushing the fight.

When one becomes soured by reverses he is likely to blame his misfortunes on others and accuse almost any one of anything. England has become very sour and vindictive as a result of her disasters in South Africa, blames every other nation or class for it and readily charges them with anything. The disastrous fire at Ottawa is charged by the English papers to incendiaryism of Boer and Fenian sympathizers, though the origin of the fire is known to have been a defective flue in a section of frame

houses, and was spread by a high wind through the lumber and warehouse districts, all highly inflammable. There has not developed anything on which to base a charge of incendiaryism against any one, and though the alleged Fenians and Boer sympathizers are said to have headquarters in Chicago and to be preparing further destruction in Canadian territory, no complaint has been made to the United States Government, which would be certain if there were any foundation to the allegation.

London is now sending out double-headed lies. The controversy between the United States and Turkey is the subject of the latest. It asserted that Turkey refused to pay the indemnity, and that Russia had advised and would back up Turkey in resisting any effort of the United States to enforce the demand. Both ends of the statement are false. Turkey has not refused to pay, but is considering the matter and will make answer in due time; while the Russian Ambassador at Washington, unsolicited, called on the Secretary of State and informed him that Russia was not and would not in any way intrude upon the issue between Turkey and the United States; that Russia has no interests in Turkey that would be effected thereby, and Russia is, as she has ever been, friendly to the United States. It is only another instance of England's effort to disturb the friendly relations between the United States and her staunch friends, but England's enemies, whom she dreads—Russia and France.

Bicycle thieves are not rare, but Jeffersonville has developed the bicycle fiend who simply cuts the tires. Bicycles left outside by riders have their tires cut, rendering them useless, and putting their owners to heavy cost for repairs.

Now the electric lights are turned off before 4 o'clock in the morning. It may not be improper for the city to dock the Electric Light Company on its bill.

CHAFF.

One million dollars have been offered, presumably by Baron Alphonse Rothschild, for Titian's famous "Sacred and Profane Love" to Prince Borghese, its owner. But the Italian Government has invoked the law against the alienation of valuable works of art and refused to allow him to sell it. As the prince is in hard luck this is a severe trial to him but as with the world at large, nolens volens, he must put up with it.

A peculiar change effected by diphtheria comes to light from St. Louis. A young lady, Miss Annie Carney, of that city, from being possessed of a small soprano voice of limited range has now developed a rich, deep baritone, resembling in every respect that of a man since her restoration to health from a very severe attack of diphtheria. Experts say that if she will study she can have the world at her feet. No one so far can account for the remarkable phenomenon.

Capitalists of Detroit, Toledo and New York are back of a project to run a railroad line between Toledo and Detroit by liquid air. The right of way has been secured and the organization of the company is about complete. The unlimited faith in the possibilities of liquid air will cause a revolution in more lines than this. The incoming century will have no abler champion to cast aside old foggy systems and generators of power than this young one of liquid air.

It is urged by dress reformers in London that the automobile will eventually cause the adoption of a more sensible style of woman's dress than we now have. These days a rational costume is very generally adopted in many countries of Europe by cyclists and automobilists.

The discovery of the clay tablets in the ruins of King Minos' palace, near Heracleon, Greece, proves to savants that the great epics of ancient poets were written, and not handed down orally from generation. These tablets resemble the Babylonian, but the script is indigenous to Crete. They are archives of the palace in the golden Mycenaean age, about 1400 B. C. These tablets are considered as valuable to the student as the ruins of Troy, and justify Homer's appreciation of Mycenaean.

ANNIE NEVIN CUNNINGHAM.

DISTINGUISHED LEXINGTONIANS.

J. J. Luby, T. J. Murray and Grand Director O'Brien, of the Young Men's Institute of Lexington, will be here Sunday as the guests of Satoli, Mackin and Trinity Councils. They will also meet representatives of the Knights of Columbus while here, and will then take steps to organize a council in the Bluegrass capital.

SOCIETY.

George Oswald has returned from a visit to West Baden Springs.

Dennis A. Shannahan has arrived home, after visiting through the East.

Mrs. Bettie McCrocklin, of Taylorsville, was here this week visiting friends.

Miss Nettie Kelly will spend two weeks in Cincinnati next month, visiting her cousin.

J. R. Weaver was among the Louisvilleans sojourning at West Baden the past week.

Mrs. Barney Keagan has returned from Paducah, where she visited her mother, Mrs. M. Carney.

Mrs. Welch, who has been the guest of Mrs. Burrell Marshall, has returned to her home in Danville.

Miss Nannie Murray, of Nashville, was this week the charming guest of Mrs. R. Callahan, 1548 Prentice street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Corcoran are at home in Jeffersonville, after a pleasant visit with relatives in Cincinnati.

Miss Willie May Arnold, who was for the past week the guest of Mrs. Sellier, has returned to her home in Versailles.

Miss Jean McCann, a popular Jeffersonville girl, spent the week with her sister, Mrs. Frank Burke, in Indianapolis.

Miss Katie Overton has returned to her home in Frankfort, after a delightful visit with her cousins, Misses Eliza and Jane Reed.

Mike Fitzpatrick, a Louisville boy, who has been employed in Kansas City for the past year, is here on a visit to his parents on Dumesnil street.

The many friends of Cosmas Meagher, the well known grocer, will be sorry to learn that he has been laid up with a spell of sickness for the past week.

Misses Lizzie Strange and Mattie Funk, popular in Bowling Green social circles, have returned to their homes after a pleasant visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. W. Fields, wife of the well known Owensboro distiller, has returned to her home, after a week's visit with Mrs. W. Norton, 1009 West Chestnut street.

James Sexton and George Simpson, two well known young Limerick residents, have accepted positions with the R. M. Culley Decorating Company.

Miss Mamie Jacques' friends will regret to learn that she is confined to her home on West Jefferson street, suffering from quite a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Friends of Mike Flahive and Will Schnell say that although they visit the same West Oak street residence there is no rivalry, as there are two pretty sisters in the case.

Ben Daugherty and James McGraff, well-known residents of Jeffersonville, left Tuesday for Birmingham, Ala., where they will accept positions with the Gas Company of that city.

Miss Edith Cunningham has closed her dancing academy. She has issued invitations for her last dance of the season, which will take place at Fountain Ferry Park next Thursday night.

Will Otto's friends in the Y. M. I. and throughout the West End will be glad to learn that he is now recovering rapidly from the severe accident which befell him some weeks ago.

Paul Schnell and Joe Sullivan have returned from Cincinnati, where they have been taking part in a bowling contest. Both acquitted themselves very creditably, Paul winning first prize in one of the contests.

The most popular prize winner at the Catholic Knights' euchre was pretty Miss Mollie Quill, mention of which was inadvertently omitted from the list heretofore published. She captured the valuable one presented by Mrs. Dr. William B. Doherty.

Miss Edna Shelly entertained last Monday afternoon at her home, Twenty-sixth and Chestnut streets, the members of her communion class and a number of other friends. Besides an elegant luncheon and amusements of various kinds, there was a phonograph concert for their entertainment.

The Emerald Club's first entertainment of the season at Highland Hall was a decided success. The attendance was large and those present had an enjoyable time. Miss Katie Morton was voted the prettiest girl present and won the gold watch. Miss Mary Fitzgerald was awarded the gold chain, receiving the next highest number of votes.

Miss Josie Birk, daughter of the prominent tobacconist, Charles Birk, and one of Owensboro's handsomest young ladies, who has been the guest of Miss Margaret Norton, 1009 West Chestnut street, left for her home this week. While here she made many friends who regret her departure.

The marriage of Miss Flora Deuser and Joseph Demuth will be solemnized at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, with nuptial mass, Tuesday morning, Rev. Father Westerman officiating. Miss Flora Hubbuch, cousin of the bride, will be the maid of honor, and Edward Demuth, brother of the groom, will act as best man. Miss Deuser is the attractive daughter of Col. G. D. Deuser and very popular in society circles. The groom is one of the best-known young business men of the West End, and has a wide circle of friends who will be present to congratulate him upon his good fortune. A wedding breakfast will follow the cere-

mony, after which the couple will leave on a bridal trip.

One of the most notable weddings thus far this year in the East End was that of Miss Barbara Weber and John D. Graff, which was solemnized at St. Martin's church Wednesday morning. The ceremony was preceded by a nuptial mass, following which there was a wedding breakfast and reception at the home of the bride's parents. The bride is the daughter of Henry Weber, the Barrett avenue gardener, and for several seasons has been one of the belles in German society circles. The lucky groom, who is connected with the Louisville Water Company, is a brother of ex-Councilman Jake Graff, and is popular among the residents of the East End, where he has long resided. A pleasing incident was the presentation by Thomas Hannon, on behalf of the employees of the Water Company, of a rich and handsomely decorated china set of 150 pieces. The young couple left the same day for Chicago, where they are spending their honeymoon, and upon their return they will go to housekeeping on Jacob street.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

The confirmation of the children of the diocese has been performed this year by Right Rev. T. S. Byrne, of Nashville, our own Bishop, W. G. McCloskey, being confined to the house as a result of an accident he sustained several months ago. Bishop Byrne has been kept busy, for he has had to perform his own duties in addition to those of this diocese. As first communion generally precedes confirmation, the pastors of the various churches have been working hard instructing the children under their charge and preparing them for this most important event.

One of the largest classes of first communicants is that at St. Louis Bertrand church, where 112 children have been for weeks under special instruction. On next Wednesday these children will receive the sacrament for the first time at 8 o'clock. High mass will be celebrated, and it is an edifying sight to see so many boys and girls approach the altar railings in so devout a manner. After the mass is finished a substantial breakfast will be served to the children on the lawn in front of the school house. The right of confirmation will be administered at 10:30 o'clock, and as the time would not allow the children returning home for breakfast Father Logan thoughtfully made the above arrangements. In addition to the children there will be about thirty adults confirmed, this unusually large number being due in a great measure to the recent successful mission held at this church.

At the Church of the Holy Name on next Sunday morning to class of thirty will receive their first communion. These children have been carefully prepared by the pastor, the Rev. John O'Connor. On the Tuesday following at 7:30 in the evening Bishop Byrne will confirm this class. A large class will also receive their first communion tomorrow morning at the Church of the Sacred Heart.

On Wednesday at 8 o'clock the class at St. John's church will receive confirmation. These children made their first communion on Passion Sunday, being instructed there by the Rev. Lawrence Bax, who has since sailed for Europe. His assistant, Father John Creary, is in charge now. One feature about first communion at this church is that for thirty years, ever since Father Bax has been pastor, Passion Sunday has been chosen as the day of days, as on that day the venerable pastor was ordained to the priesthood.

At 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon confirmation will be administered at St. Bridget's, on Hepburn avenue.

At 7:30 p. m. Wednesday a class of colored children will be confirmed at St. Augustine's church, Broadway, near Fourteenth.

During this past week at twelve of the different churches in the city confirmation was administered.

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COME AGAIN.

The Kentucky Irish American was pleased to receive a call Thursday from genial John Meagher, the well known Frankfort distiller, who produces an article that will warm the coldest heart. Hibernians should remember this fact when seeking the real potheen.

KIMBEL'S NEW BARBER SHOP.

Will Kimbel, the well known Limerick barber, has removed his shop to 1522 Seventh street, second door north of St. Catherine street, where he has more convenient quarters. Will is still assisted by those two finished tonsorial artists, Charles (Eva) Waddell and "Bob" Kimbel, which is a sure guarantee of good treatment to those patronizing the new establishment.

THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY

announces the following reduced rates during the month of May from stations in Kentucky: Spring meeting of the New Louisville Jockey Club, Louisville, Ky., May 3 to 19, one and one-third fares for the round trip, May 2 to 19, inclusive, good to return until May 21, 1900. Special days, one fare for the round trip, morning trains May 3, 10 and 19, limited to two days from date of sale. May musical festival, Louisville, Ky., May 14, 15 and morning trains May 16, limited May 17, 1900. For further information apply to nearest agent of the Southern Railway or connecting lines.

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